turmoil, Conrad II,, marching southward, seized Capua in May, 1038, and Pandulf sought an asylum in Constantinople. In his stead Conrad inveated Gaimur with Salerno, Capua, and Ga§ta, The Emperor then invested Rainulf with Aversa, but probably an a vassal of Salerno and not directly, of the Empire, ' When Conrad retired north he left Gaimar the first man in South Italian politics; in 1040 he was lord of Capua, GaSta, Amalfi, Aquino, and Trajetto, as well as Salerno, while he invented his brother Guy as Count of Sorrento,

Mean while, the Greeks were not idle. The court of Constantinople, where Zo6 was the real power, and her husband Michael IV, nominal Emperor, had in George Maniaces a distinguished commander, and one famous for his skill and valour at the of Edessa, He was com* missioned to restore Byzantine authority in Sicily, where a favourable opening for intervention preitself, There was a standing quarrel between the Moslems long 'established in Sicily, and the newer arrivals from Africa, and the government itself was divided on the question, In 1035, Ahmed Al-Akhal, Emir of Sicily,

leader of the "African." or "Berber" party, failing to sup- a revolution of the "Sicilians" under his brother Abu-Hftfa, turned to Constantinople and

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